

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus comprising a handle having a tape-holder and pendulum attached thereto such that a measuring tape can extend to a variable extent sideways out of the tape-holder with the pendulum hanging vertically downwards wherein the pendulum comprises a multi-part rod.
2. (original) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pendulum has a marker at its free end.
3. (original) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the pendulum is adjustable in length.
4. (cancelled)
5. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus as claimed in ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the rod is telescopic.
6. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the pendulum comprises a plumb line.
7. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus comprising a handle having a tape-holder and pendulum attached thereto such that a measuring tape can extend to a variable extent sideways out of the tape-holder with the pendulum hanging vertically downwards ~~as claimed in any preceding claim~~, wherein the handle has a socket and the upper end of the pendulum has a ball rotatably retained in the socket.

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8. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus comprising a handle having a tape-holder and pendulum attached thereto such that a measuring tape can extend to a variable extent sideways out of the tape-holder with the pendulum hanging vertically downwards ~~as claimed in any preceeding claim~~, wherein the tape holder is arranged to rotate on the handle about an axis which is substantially vertical when the tape extends sideways from the tape-holder and the pendulum hangs vertically downwards.

9. (original) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the measuring apparatus includes two tape holders each independently rotatable about a substantially common axis and each containing a measuring tape which can extend to a variable extent sideways out of the respective tape-holder.

10. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~, wherein the or each tape holder includes a tape lock for retaining the tape in a selected extended state.

11. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~, wherein the ~~or each~~ tape holder includes means for detecting and displaying the extent to which a tape extends from the tape holder.

12. (currently amended) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~, wherein the tape has a flat, curved or circular cross-section.

13. (currently amended) A kit of parts which can be assembled to form a measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceeding claim~~.

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14. (currently amended) A measuring kit comprising a measuring apparatus or kit of parts as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ and at least one wall bracket arranged to retain a free ~~the free~~ end of a tape extending from the tape holder.